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### President's Message

Dear Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club Members,

Remember the Christmas Party on Friday, December 3. Hope to see you there!

At the November meeting a vote was taken to keep the Officers and Board of Directors the same for 2022 so I guess I will still be your president for another year. Thank you to all who have helped me learn what happens in the CCMAFC. It has been a delight to join and participate in this club.

Happy Model A Day!

*Chuck Cheshire*, President

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*Merry Christmas*



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**NAME AND PURPOSE**

This club shall be known as the Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club, a non-profit organization, hereinafter referred to as the "Club."

The purpose shall be to maintain, preserve and restore the vehicle known as the Model A Ford (1928-1931) and all things pertaining to the Model A Ford, including literature, historical and technical information.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Application for membership shall be made in written form. Applications shall be filed with the Secretary and accompanied by dues for the current year.

**RESTRICTIONS:** All members of the Club shall be restricted to members of either the Model A Restorers Club or Model A Ford Club of America national clubs. Members may be accepted without ownership of a Model A Ford; however, no member shall be permitted to hold office unless said member has owned a Model A Ford within the six month period prior to the official election date.

**DUES**

The annual dues shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per year. Dues are for the calendar year. The annual dues shall include member and wife and shall be payable before February 1st. Any member may be suspended by the Treasurer for non-payment of dues at the expiration of thirty (30) days from February 1st.

**MEETINGS**

Regular meetings of the members of this Club shall be held on the first Tuesday of every month unless said day shall fall upon a legal holiday, in which case the meeting date shall be established by the Board of Directors.

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The Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club (CCMAFC) was formed in 2002 in Henderson Co., Texas. The club's meetings are held at the Dairy Queen in Seven Points, Henderson Co., Texas near Cedar Creek Lake.

**Charter Members:**

- John and Wanda Bell
- Jim Bellah – deceased
- Bill and Sue Capps
- O. V. and Lorene (deceased) Cliver
- S. D. "Shorty" Johnson – deceased
- Olin Lewis – deceased
- Ola Powell – deceased
- Gene Tregre – deceased



# MEETING MINUTES

## Cedar Creek Model A Ford Club November 2, 2021 Meeting

Chuck Cheshire opened the meeting by leading the pledge of allegiance.

Nancy Cheshire gave \$27 to add to the club's account from the sale of the t-shirts.

There were no guests to introduce.

Last month's minutes were accepted by Carolyn Vick and seconded by Spencer Pennington. The financial report was unanimously accepted.

There were no birthday people present but Julia Waterman paid her \$1 from last month.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Jim Blakeney says he has no appetite and is really feeling bad from the treatments he is taking.

The Tuesday breakfast will be at the Pitt Stop in Seven Points this month.

The raffle brought in \$55.

Gary Vick made a motion to adjourn the meeting and John Shore seconded it

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lou Carpenter*

## What Colors were Model A Ford Taxis?



In 1929 Taxis were either blue or green with cream-colored upper bodies.



This was advertised as an ugly Christmas sweater.

Do you think it is ugly?

I love the Model A!

## Sunshine News

by Lou Carpenter



Jim Blakeney was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in Sept. He started chemo treatments but grew so weak that the treatments were stopped. He passed away after Thanksgiving. Please keep Christie and the family in your prayers.

Bob Letchworth had been in the hospital in Dallas for several days. He first went to Kaufman and then was sent on to Dallas with congestive heart failure. He is doing much better but may have to have a procedure done later.

Janice Rogers had knee replacement and is slowly improving.

Keep remembering the Parkers also.

It was great to see Scott Ingram at the November breakfast.

Keep us posted if you have a health issue.

**We Care About You!**

## Merry Christmas

The Christmas season comes but once a year, a time to fill your hearts with love and cheer. I wish for you these two things, along with all the blessing a Christmas day can bring.





## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**




<b>Chuck Cheshire</b>	<b>12/04</b>
<b>Chuck Sportsman</b>	<b>12/05</b>
<b>Della Powell</b>	<b>12/12</b>
<b>Jerry Rogers</b>	<b>12/12</b>
<b>OV Cliver</b>	<b>12/25</b>
<b>Teena Shore</b>	<b>12/29</b>



### **How did the ornament get addicted to Christmas?**

**He was hooked on trees his whole life.**

## NOVEMBER BREAKFAST




Breakfast for November was at the Pit Stop Café in Seven Points.

Great attendance and food!

15 members were present.

It was great to have Scott Ingram attend!





Hello Everyone,

Thanksgiving is over and we look forward to the Christmas Season. Our CCM AFC Christmas Party is on a Friday this year to allow for attendance on Saturday at the MAFCA National Banquet in Fort Worth. Hope to see you there! If you have any Model A pictures from Christmas or just out driving send them to me at [nmcheshire@yahoo.com](mailto:nmcheshire@yahoo.com). Have a very Merry Christmas!



*Nancy Cheshire*

**From the Editor**

## THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF PEDAL CARS

Many automobile enthusiasts have been lusting after pedal cars ever since they were kids – and for good reason too! They are not only beautiful but also incredibly fun for children of all ages. Even as adulthood approaches, you have likely thought long and hard about purchasing one (whether you have young children or not).

But, do you truly know the full history of pedal cars? How did they come into being? What sparked their manufacture? Why are they so widely admired today? You are about to find out all of that and more. Excited? We know we are, so let's not waste any more time and get started!



### The 1890s

The first pedal car was built in the 1890s, soon after the regular car made its debut appearance. Of course, they were modeled off the real cars that were seen driving along the road at this time – they had nothing else to work from after all.

As soon as they hit the market, children around the United States of America wanted one. It's safe to say that Santa's mailbox was filled to the brim with pedal car requests that year!

Unfortunately, they were pretty pricey (as were the road cars at the time) so unless you came from a wealthy family, actually getting one of these bad boys was not an option. Not to mention that you would've needed to live by a railway – transporting hunks of steel in the post just wasn't possible.

But everyone still admired them from afar. In fact, some working-class families attempted to make their own wooden versions at home.



### The 1920s and 1930s

Then, the 1920s and 1930s rolled around. Still, pedal cars were made solely for the wealthy so the companies catered for upper-class children only. Who could blame them? That was where the money was!

Large manufacturers started making more pedal cars and go-karts around this time too (again, still marketing the wealthy). If you are a die-hard fan, you might recognize some of the companies that jumped on the bandwagon in the early nineties:

Sears, American National Automobiles of Toledo – they made famous pedal car models such as the Skippy Airflow Chrysler, Ford, Chevrolet, and Pontiac, Steelcraft of Murray – these guys made GMC pedal trucks, Model T Roadsters, Dodge Runabouts, Chrysler Roadsters, dump trucks, and more, Keystone, and Buddy L.

As road car manufacturers began to “modernize” their vehicles, so did the pedal car makers. Why? So they could stay up to date and keep the kids interested in their products of course!



The 1922 Model T Ford Pedal Car

### World War II (the Mid 1940s)

World War II started in the middle of the 1940s, which saw the demise of pedal cars. No one, not even the big industry players, was making them.

But to be honest, everyone had much bigger things on their minds.

Since many men went off to fight, the materials used to produce pedal cars (and other toys for that matter) were utilized as war resources. Thus, no more games for the little ones.

### The 1950s and 1960s

While pedal cars and working-class go-karts reached their peak in the 20s and 30s, there was a spike in development after the war. All toy stores — the large ones, at least — were selling them and again, every post-war child wanted one to show off to their friends.



Automobiles had really picked up their game, so just like before, pedal cars also started to become more “high-tech”. They came in a huge array of colors, makes, and models. They were mimicking the fancy road cars. The kids went mad for them.

By the middle of the 1960s, these children’s toys had working lights, chrome details, hood ornaments, custom paintwork, adjustable windshields, moveable ragtops, white tires, and beeping horns. Back then, people got their first set of wheels at a very early age!

They did not stop there. As times changed, the industry leaders realized that people couldn’t get enough of this invention. So, what do you think happened? Yep, they diversified!

Not only did they produce an increasingly large number of pedal cars but they also started manufacturing pedal planes. The main ones were the Shark Attack, Fantasy Flyer, and the Red Baron. Each model featured high-quality tires, non-slip pedals, movable propellers, classic paint jobs, and a full metal chassis. Definitely something worth bragging about!



The 1960s was the era that saw amazement with space and air travel. Plus, plastics and toy safety standards came into the mix, which (as you’ve probably guessed), changed the pedal car game for good. Suddenly, every vehicle you could imagine was made as a kids’ pedal model. Companies were throwing out pedal trucks, pedal tricycles, and pedal trains. Everything you could dream of and more!

### The 1970s

It wasn’t until the 1970s that the plastic pedal car came into being. Just like the industry leaders expected, this blew up and became far more popular than the steel version. Sadly, this made the production of the original steel pedal cars go extinct.

The newer, safer plastic designs were mass-produced and available to everyone — wealthy, poor, working-class, or other. While this was great, they did not look like the adult automobiles anymore. Essentially, they were just hunks of plastic, and there came the end of the pedal car era.



### Today’s Times (The 2000s)

Today, we operate with a “throw-away” mentality. In other words, trends arrive and leave incredibly quickly and when things break, we don’t try and fix it. However, many people still find endless amounts of joy in owning a pedal car. If you are here with us, you are likely one of those people! Universities around the world have now started to study the structure for suitable frames for pedal cars, you know that it’s an important subject.

Yes, it is a very niche collector’s item nowadays, but that makes it even more worthwhile. Finding an original is also really unlikely but if you have one in your clutches, never, ever let it go. You’ll be sorry that you did.

The workmanship, the care, and the beauty of pedal cars have stood the test of time. While they are hardly ever bought as children’s toys now, they are treasured collectibles in the hands of vintage lovers.

You just can’t always find this sort of quality in manufactured toys today. So, people turn to the original pedal car to bring them joy. After all, what sparks joy should always stay.

# THE MOST POPULAR MODELS OF PEDAL CARS



The Gendron Packard Pedal Car -Much like all of their pedal cars back in the day, this one was made in the 1930s in their classic red and burgundy color scheme.



The 1930 Sad Faced Fire Engine –Of course, you can see that iconic “sad face” on the front, the classic hood ornament, thin wheels, bright red bodywork, and the chrome detail.



The 1939 Mercury Woody Wagon Pedal Car - authentic



The 1941 Alfa Romeo Alfetta



1948 Comet Pedal Car – unrestored



1963 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Pedal Car - vintage photo



The 1965 Ford Mustang Pedal Car -The 1965 Ford Mustang is arguably the most popular model to this day.—vintage photo

# Technical Tips

## Jim's Technical Tip

by Jim Cannon,

### Ignition Cam Screws

I have helped a few Model A owners with an unusual problem: For no reason at all, their distributor goes “out of time”. They lose power and have to limp home. They reset the timing and the car runs great again, but after a while the same thing happens and they limp home. Gremlins? No.



The problem is that the ignition cam screw may not hold the cam down tightly to the distributor shaft. After a bit of driving, the cam rotates into a more and more “retarded” position and the engine loses power.

In spite of getting out a big screw driver and tightening the screw as much as possible, the cam still moves on them. Why is this? The **SCREW** that they are using is too long for the hole that is drilled and tapped in the top of the distributor shaft.

Some reproduction screws are just too long. Or the hole in the reproduction distributor shaft is too shallow. Or both! Whatever the case, the screw bottoms out in the hole and jams up tight before the cam is properly locked down on the shaft. So the cam moves.



The simple fix is to add a washer under the head of the cam screw. Now the cam will get locked down well before the screw bottoms out in the hole. You also want to inspect the underside of the cam; it should have ridges that help lock it down on the shaft. Once the screw is tight, put the rotor on the cam and gently try to turn it on the distributor shaft. It should not move.

If you or a friend encounters this problem with the engine going out of time, I hope my little Tip does the trick for you.

Jim Cannon

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Pictures from MAFCA Christmas cards that can be purchased through their Website.



## MODEL A ART

Christmas is a time of giving. As the club looked for unique ideas for a gift for the Capps last year to say thank you for their years of service to the club, many beautiful Model A drawings and art were found. Displayed here are some of the beautiful and creative works.



Made from watch parts



FORD MODEL A Car Decor Bench



Front End Wall Art



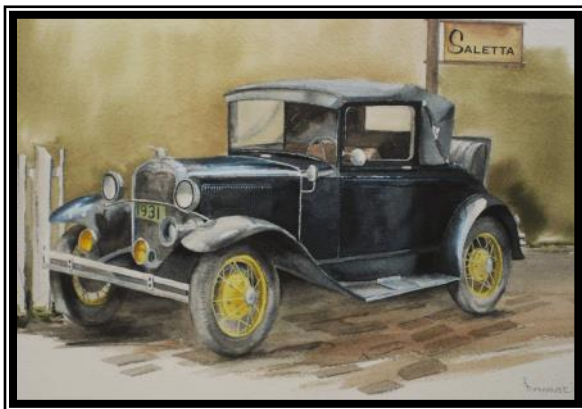
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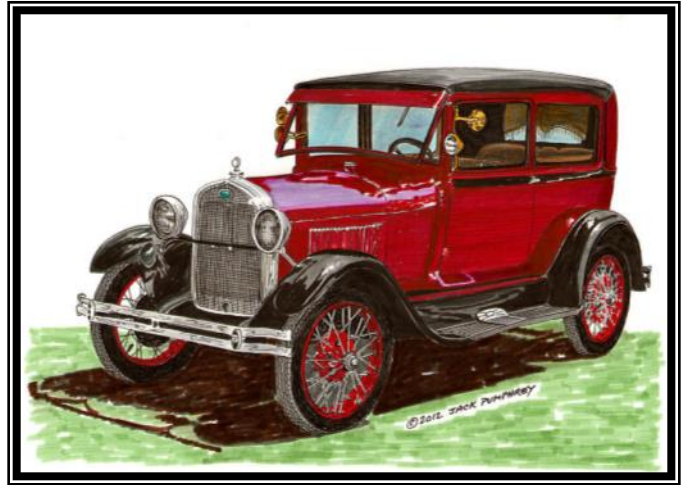


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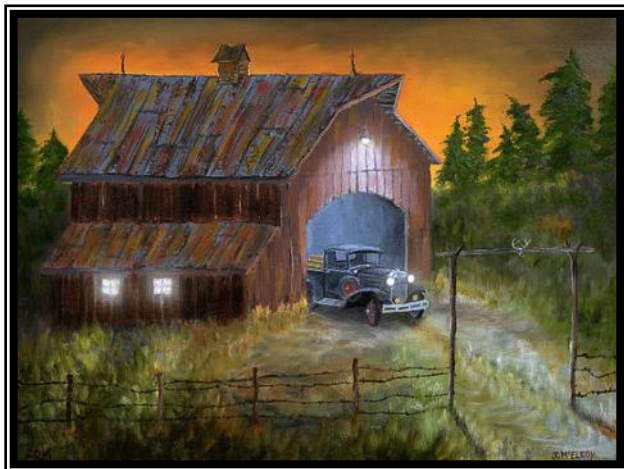


Steering Wheel Wreath by Nan Linden





Another Christmas—Janet Kruskamp



Heading to Town—Jerry McElroy



Flat Tire—Lance Anderson



# Christmas Party

**Friday, December 3**  
**at the Mabank Library**  
**11:00 am – whenever we finish**

**Meat will be provided by the club.**  
**Bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert.**

**There will be a short meeting before the meal is served.**

**Bring a wrapped White elephant gift**  
**for each person attending.**

**Bring an unwrapped toy.**

**It will be a fun time of great fellowship.**

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## MAFFI Newsletter Minute



Dear Model "A" Owners and Hobbyists,

Thank you for your continued support of The Model A Foundation and of our museum, located on the grounds of The Gilmore. Through your membership and donations, we have been able to establish a world class museum exhibiting displays of vehicles, era fashions and memorabilia associated with the Ford Model "A". Over the last year we have set aside a few vehicles to participate in the "Ride the Classics" program at Gilmore. This was made possible by the generous donations of our members of some great vehicles. We are currently researching the possibility of creating a Learn to Drive class for the Model A as well. A local collector donated eight Model A's to help make this possible.

The Model A Ford Foundation has built and outfitted the museum without incurring debt. Your donations and contributions have allowed us to manage the Foundation in this way. The Foundation's income primarily comes from annual membership dues, the selling of museum items such as bricks, proceeds from our annual Model "A" Day and from club and individual donations. We ask that you consider giving an additional gift to help us support our operations. Your gifts allow us to continue supporting our hobby with one of the best museums anywhere in the world.

All of us associated with the Model A Ford Foundation wish you well and hope you remain safe during this difficult time. Thank you again for your generous donations. Happy Holidays!

Jerry Morrissey, President, MAFFI

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MAFFI Board of Directors



### This is also the Texas Tour for 2022

#### *2022 National Convention Hotels June 12-17*

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| -YO Ranch Hotel                         | 830-257-4562 |
| 1 person with breakfast                 | \$ 99        |
| 2 people with breakfast                 | \$ 109       |
| 3 people with breakfast                 | \$ 119       |
| 4 people with breakfast                 | \$ 129       |
|   |              |
| -Inn's of the Hills                     | 830-895-6001 |
| \$ 99 per room with breakfast           |              |
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| -Holiday Inn Express                    | 830-895-9500 |
| \$ 112 for standard room with breakfast |              |
| \$ 140 for suite with breakfast         |              |
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| -Best Western                           | 830-896-1313 |
| \$ 109 per room with breakfast          |              |

**2021**  **Event Calendar**

- DEC 3, 2021** ..... **Meeting Christmas Party—Mabank Library 11:00 am —?**
  - Dec 21, 2021* ..... *Breakfast ?*
  - DEC 2-5, 2021** ..... **MAFCA National Banquet at the Fort Worth Stockyards (Hosted by Cowtown As)**
  - 2022**
  - JAN 4, 2022** ..... *Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points*
  - FEB 1, 2022** ..... *Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points*
  - MAR 1, 2022** ..... *Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points*
  - APR 5, 2022** .... *Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points*
  - MAY 3, 2022** .... *Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points*
  - JUN 7, 2022** .... *Meeting at the DQ in Seven Points*
- JUNE 12-17, 2022** ... **MAFCA National Convention/Texas Tour, Y.O. Ranch Hotel, Kerrville, TX**



### What did Adam say to his wife at Christmas?

It's finally Christmas, Eve!

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